(ख) क्या इज़रायल में रेगिस्तान को जिस प्रकार विकसित कर कृषि योग्य बनाया गया है ; उसी प्रकार सरकार ने रेगिस्तानी भूमि का विकास कर उसे खेती योग्य बनाने हेतु विशेषज्ञ दल का गठन किया है ;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में विशेषज्ञों का प्रितिवेदन प्राप्त हो गया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

**ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री ( श्री बाबागौड़ा पाटिल ) :** (क) सूखा और मरुस्थलीकरण का सामना करने, पारिस्थितिकीय संतुलन का बहाली को प्रोत्साहन देने और भूमि, मानव और पशुओं की उत्पादकता पर प्रतिकूल जलवायु पारिस्थितियों के प्रभाव को कम करने के लिए राजस्थान के 16 जिलों के 85 ब्लाकों में जलवायु विकास कार्यक्रम पहले से ही कार्यान्वित किया जा रहा है ।

(ख) ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय द्वारा इस प्रकार के किसी विशेषज्ञ दल का गठन नहीं किया गया है ।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते ।

**Recruitment in Armed Forces**

*113. SHRI ASHOK MITRA:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of recruitments at different levels in the Army, Air Force and Navy in the years since 1991-1992;

(b) the number of recruits from each of the Eastern and North-Eastern States during these years; and

(c) whether Government propose a special drive to improve the rate of recruitment from these States, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) 1. The recruitment of officers in the Army, Air Force and Navy is carried out on the basis of All-India Open competition. There is, therefore, no statewise allocation of vacancies in the recruitment of officers.

2. The total number of recruitments at different levels in the Army, Air Force and Navy for the year from 1991-92 to 1996-97 is given below:—

| Year | Army | Air Force | Navy |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 31998 | 6098 | 2330 |
| 1992-93 | 25991 | 5470 | 2726 |
| 1993-94 | 49766 | 4830 | 2509 |
| 1994-95 | 72235 | 4928 | 2496 |
| 1995-96 | 86961 | 4645 | 2487 |
| 1996-97 | 58385 | 3615 | 3360 |

3. The following numbers of Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) were recruited from Eastern and North Eastern States during the period from 1991-92 to 1996-97:—

Navy

| States | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Bengal | 90 | 115 | 201 | 120 | 114 | 215 |
| Bihar | 143 | 215 | 176 | 206 | 283 | 433 |
| Orissa | 38 | 108 | 77 | 103 | 127 | 216 |
| Sikkim | - | - | - | - | . | - |
| Assam | 08 | 06 | 09 | 06 | 05 | 10 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Manipur | - | 01 | - | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| Meghalaya | 01 | 02 | - | 01 | 03 | 01 |
| Mizoram | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nagaland | - | 01 | 01 | - | - | - |
| Tripura | - | - | - | 01 | - | 01 |

4. *Army*

In so far as Airmy is concerned, there is no proposal to launch and special recruitment drive in the Eastern States. However, it has been decided to launch a special drive to improve the rate of recruitment from North Eastern States.

*Air Force*

Recruitment rallies are being held to recruit Airmen, at regular intervals.

*Navy*

There is no proposal to hold any special recruitment drive by Navy.

*Army*

| States | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Bengal | 1200 | 1021 | 2603 | 3518 | 5838 | 3292 |
| Bihar | 1969 | 1608 | 3396 | 4826 | 5807 | 4069 |
| Orissa | 586 | 480 | 1185 | 1411 | 2110 | 1294 |
| Sikkim | 07 | 06 | 01 | 25 | 13 | 21 |
| Assam | 652 | 528 | 771 | 1135 | 2157 | 1187 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 27 | 32 | 52 | 49 | 42 | 66 |
| Manipur | 118 | 108 | 156 | 397 | 578 | 286 |
| Meghalaya | 43 | 62 | 88 | 84 | 215 | 164 |
| Mizoram | 69 | 55 | 144 | 161 | 131 | 95 |
| Nagaland | 95 | 26 | 56 | 103 | 129 | 183 |
| Tripura | 15 | 10 | 30 | 23 | 129 | 137 |

*Air Force*

| States | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| West Bengal | 497 | 341 | 358 | 207 | 241 | 280 |
| Bihar | 916 | 986 | 1044 | 1259 | 1386 | 1529 |
| Orissa | 249 | 368 | 346 | 379 | 232 | 361 |
| Sikkim | 01 | - | 02 | - | 01 | |
| Assam | 36 | 11 | 12 | 05 | 10 | 14 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 01 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Manipur | - | 01 | 03 | 05 | 02 | 02 |
| Meghalaya | 02 | - | - | - | 05 | - |
| Mizoram | 01 | - | 01 | - | - | - |
| Nagaland | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tripura | - | 01 | - | - | - | 01 |

**Losses in State Electricity Boards**

*114. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Electricity Boards are facing severe crisis due to mounting losses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps or proposed to take steps to rescue the State Electricity Boards; and